

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A test printing method capable of printing a test pattern and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is compared, said method comprising the steps of:
  - printing the test pattern;
  - judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern; and
  - when said judgement is what to print the comparison test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.
2. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern based on a state of an input by an operation of a user.
3. A test printing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.
4. A test printing method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising the step for printing the comparison test pattern as well as making the switch operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern, when said step of judging that the switch is operated so that setting is made to print the test pattern and the comparison test

pattern.

5. A test printing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein  
the input is an input through a switch which can be operated  
5 in connection with other predetermined operation input,  
so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or  
to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

10 6. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the test pattern is printed based on corrected data and  
the comparison test pattern is printed based on non-  
corrected data.

15 7. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the test pattern and the comparison test pattern are  
printed in connection with a calibration for a printing  
apparatus.

20 8. An information processing apparatus capable of  
causing a printing apparatus to print a test pattern and  
a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is  
compared, said information processing apparatus executing  
a process comprising the steps of:

25 causing the printing apparatus to print the test  
pattern;

judging whether or not printing the comparison test  
pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison test pattern, causing the printing apparatus to print said comparison test pattern.

5 9. An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, comprising a user interface and wherein said step of judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern based on a state of an input by an operation of a user through the user interface.

10 10. An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the 15 comparison test pattern.

11. A printing system capable of printing a test pattern and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is compared when executing a test printing, wherein a 20 process including the steps of:

printing the test pattern;  
judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern; and  
when said judgement is what to print the comparison 25 test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern is executed.

12. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, comprising  
a user interface and wherein said step of judging whether  
or not printing the comparison test pattern based on a state  
of an input by an operation of a user through the user  
5 interface.

13. A printing system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the  
input is an input through a switch which can be operated  
so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or  
10 to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

14. A printing system as claimed in claim 13, wherein a  
process including the step for printing the comparison test  
pattern as well as making the switch operated so that  
15 setting is made to print only the test pattern is further  
executed, when said step of judging judges that the switch  
is operated so that setting is made to print the test  
pattern and the comparison test pattern.

20 15. A printing system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the  
input is an input through a switch which can be operated  
in connection with other predetermined operation input,  
so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or  
to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.  
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16. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the  
test pattern is printed based on corrected data and the

comparison test pattern is printed based on non-corrected data.

17. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the  
5 test pattern and the comparison test pattern are printed  
in connection with a calibration for a printing apparatus.

18. A program comprising program code means causing an  
information processing apparatus to execute a test  
10 printing process capable of printing a test pattern and  
a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is  
compared, wherein said test printing process including the  
steps of:

printing the test pattern;  
15 judging whether or not printing the comparison test  
pattern; and  
when said judgement is what to print the comparison  
test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.

20 19. A storage medium storing a program capable of being  
read by an information processing apparatus, wherein a  
process of the program capable of printing a test pattern  
and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern  
is compared, said process comprising the steps of:

25 printing the test pattern;  
judging whether or not printing the comparison test  
pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.